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news

SGA to probe Senators attendance at meetings

Two members of the SGA will be brought before the Internal Affairs Committee of the SGA for their large number of absences. Terrie Bedford has never attended an SGA meeting and Ed Ragan has only been present for two of the seven meetings. They can only be dropped from the SGA by a vote from the Senate as a whole.

Traci Johnston has four absences, J. A. Cooper and Chris Graham have three absences. SGA members with two absences are Chuck Arnett, Rebecca Poole and Loyd Ramsey.

There are nine members with

only one absence. They are Chris Belleau, Allan Bowers, Gwin Grogan, Bill Harris, Carrie Jameson, Steve Molen, Don Shafer, Bryan Sibley and Wallace Terry.

There are five members that have not missed any meetings. They are Kristen Green, Dan Goodwin, Dale Kaiser, Kelli Mitchell and Vanessa Yorba.

Concerns and opinions of students regarding the campus life and organizations are needed by the SGA for the completion of a survey they are compiling. The survey will indicate what changes students may want and

what things students are pleased with here on campus.

This is a chance for students to voice their complaints, praise and questions. Kristen Green, chairman of university affairs for the SGA, said that there has been very little input by students. If anyone wishes to contribute a concern or an opinion they can call the SGA office. There is an answering machine, so please don't just hang up.

The SGA needs more input from the students to give a fair representation on the survey. Please voice your feelings.

The president of the Program

Council, Chris Belleau, has announced several upcoming changes in the Program Council he would like to see implemented.

According to Belleau, there is a move under way to rewrite the constitution they are operating under now. Changes incorporated in the new constitution would require the president and vice president to be elected by the student body just as the president and vice president of the Student Government Association are elected.

The president and vice president would then appoint the secretary-treasurer and all com-

mittee chairmen. The president and vice president, along with the secretary-treasurer and a member of the SGA would comprise the Executive Committee and would be responsible for drawing up a budget for each year.

Belleau has expressed a need for a budget so that entertainment for the student body would be more than a hit and miss type affair. A budget would require the Program Council to put more thought and planning into the events they offer to the students, Belleau said.

Writer prefers Mondale's past to present

by MATT CUSH
Contributor

The coming presidential election offers a choice between the past "Walter Mondale" and the present "Ronald Reagan." This is another reason Walter Mondale should be president.

Allow me to explain and allow me this brief summation of human character: some people look to the past to sum up the present and some people look at the present to sum up the past. Also, please allow me the premise that the present is but an ideal and an elusive one at that. Isn't every moment in either the past or the future?

But "the present" is what Ronald Reagan is all about. Or, in the words of an exasperated friend, "All he cares about is now." One can take "now" as either a noun or an adjective

there, and thanks to the omnipotence of the presidency, the noun aspect precedes the adjectival aspect for Reagan.

That Reagan is reverent of history only to the extent of redefining it for his fleeting ends is most evident in his election-year appeal to the ghosts of Democrats past, most of whom would delight in spitting on Reagan's grave were their two positions fortuitously reversed. And how dare he invoke the name of Hubert Humphrey in his campaign against Humphrey's personal and political friend for over 30 years!

And another example of Reagan's myopia, the deficit, needs no elaboration. Ditto for his compulsion to amend the Constitution at every turn in order to satisfy his special interests. (You know, for a conservative, he does seem awfully eager to rewrite the

sacred document).

Of course, it has never been below Reagan to employ imagery to the exclusion of substance. To wit: the Christian family man who is divorced, rarely attends church or gives to charity (or even consults a clergyman), and who seems to take little interest in his children or a grandchild he has never seen. (Perhaps Reagan believes he can worship in private. Fine. Why doesn't he apply that same standard to his position on school prayer? Answer: see above).

This election is not merely a referendum on Reagan; it is a referendum on this creature Reaganism. For the popular star has spawned more clones than, say, Michael Jackson, all of whom unabashedly imitate him to a tee and utter his name with a reverence normally reserved for deities. (Curious the evolution of

George Bush, isn't it?). This election, one would hope, will be a denunciation of the Phil Gramms, the Trent Lotts, the Newt Gingrichs of the world.

All this is not to suggest that Reagan's rival, Mondale, is some intellectual giant ready to conquer all of tomorrow's problems



with such a long view of history. Indeed, television, among other things, has made it perhaps too much to expect for any sort of statesman to be elected president.

But Mondale is certainly at-

tractive in comparison.

And Mondale has shown the courage "political and personal" it takes to lead. Politically, he has taken the unprecedented step of promising to raise taxes. He has displayed personal courage in that, in spite of abysmal poll showings, speech hecklers and the astonishing spectacle of having the most respected leaders in the opposition party attack him personally, he has not quit.

Most importantly, Mondale recognized that America is great not because a bunch of people like Reagan are saying it is.

America is great because of her history and of what her history portends. In other words, the future is the extension of the past. And the present ... well, is for those who like to live in a dream.

Reagan's policies to move country forward

by Gary Patureau
Contributor

It is now time for Americans to make a vital choice concerning the future of their country. No choice could be clearer. Ronald Reagan and George Bush represent peace, strength, pride and prosperity. Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro represent big government, high taxes, weakness and despair.

Economically, the Reagan record is one of proven performance. Taxes have been cut by twenty-five percent for all Americans with the bulk of the money going to the middle class. The prime interest rate has been reduced from 21.5% under Carter-Mondale to 12.25%, and inflation has been reduced from

17% to only 4%. More people are now working in American than ever before. President Reagan's proven policies of tax relief and economic prosperity will be continued in a second term.

In sharp contrast, Mondale-



Ferraro promises a massive tax increase that is guaranteed to result in high unemployment and runaway inflation—the same fail-

ed policies of the past. Most alarmingly, Mr. Mondale recently promised to repeal tax indexing. This would leave the middle class with no protection against the "bracket creep" of inflation. It is obvious that Mondale plans to use inflation as a hidden tax on the middle class. The main part of his so-called "deficit reduction" package is a \$30 billion increase in social spending that is in fact a pay-off to special interest groups at the expense of working Americans. Should the American worker have to pay for Mondale's campaign promises? As a senator, Walter Mondale voted no less than sixteen times to raise your taxes. So much for his newfound concern for working Americans.

Our NATO alliance has been strengthened with new weapons systems after the weakness of Carter-Mondale. Our country's military strength that Carter-Mondale completely neglected is now being rebuilt. No single government has fallen under Soviet domination under President Reagan while Grenada has been liberated from the Soviet-Cuban yoke. In contrast, no less than seven countries (Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, South Yemen and Grenada) fell under Soviet rule under Carter-Mondale. At the same time, Mondale has promised to cancel the vital B-1 bomber and MX missile system. He wishes to ratify the SALT II treaty that is so advantageous to the

Russians that a majority of Democrats in the Senate opposed it. Clearly, he will accept almost any arms agreement with the Russians with no thought of verification or of the interests of the United States. Basically, Mr. Mondale seems to think that the only threat to peace is American strength. With such supporters as Jane Fonda and Jesse Jackson, he is closely identified with the radical left wing of his party. Ms. Ferraro voted in the House in favor of unilateral disarmament along with 72 other radical congressmen. When asked on national television whether she thought Grenada was better off today than under a Communist government, she refused to answer.

notes

Comic strips can give false impressions of jobs

by BILL STOWE
Director of Placement

The return of the "Doonesbury" comic strip to the newspapers of the United States reminds me of one series that Garry Trudeau did on work which was reprinted in *The Doonesbury Chronicles*. In this series, Mark explains to his father that he wants a job that he can enjoy. His father reacts.

"ENJOY?! What're you talking about, ENJOY?! Life is not to be enjoyed, it's to be gotten on with! Do you think I enjoy my job? No, I don't—I HATE it. I DESPISE it! One day you'll hate your job, too! Accept it! That's NORMAL."

Somewhere along the line, work has become a "necessary evil" to many people. This is unfortunate, unnecessary and often damaging to individuals, employers, and the country as a whole.

Careers are too important a part of our lives to just shuffle them to the side as if they were a mere nuisance. The normal working life of an individual will include about 88,000 hours on the job. Can we afford to "blow off" 88,000 hours?

Persons viewing their jobs as "necessary evils" are usually the ones with increased personal frustrations and decreased pro-

ductivity. Over the years, the toll can be damaged mental health, wasted money and an economy that cannot compete with the rest of the world.

The alternative is for the individual to decide what he or she wants in terms of their lives. Too often, "wants" and "wishes" are considered fantasies. All too often we come to believe the old saying, "you are old enough that your wants won't hurt you."

There are certain things that attract or repel each of us, according to our individual perceptions, however. Then, why not work in areas that are attractive? Why don't more people seek jobs that they enjoy?

Often the answer to these questions is found in our lack of planning for the future. Learning what one really wants and how to attain it is a long and difficult process for most of us. In the short run, it is so much easier just to look for what is immediately available.

Helping individuals who want to plan their futures is what career planning and placement are all about. If people will determine their own career path, there are few reasons why they cannot enjoy their work. I am available to advise and assist LSUS students in setting and pursuing their career goals. All they need to do is ask.

Shehee, Friedley attend ODK leadership seminar

by BILL COOKSEY
Editorial Assistant

Virginia Shehee and Preston Friedley Jr. were among five area leaders who spoke on the topic of leadership in today's society to students from nine area high schools and to LSUS faculty and students last Saturday in the UC.

The program, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, was designed for college and high school students to help further their understanding of leadership through talks with outstanding community leaders and through workshops.

According to Daniel Sklar, president of ODK, approximately 56 students and faculty attended the program which lasted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program, Sklar said and added, "some thought it should happen more often."

The program began with an in-

troductory speech by Friedley who discussed the history of leadership in government and what types of leaders are needed in bureaucracy.

After Friedley's introduction, the group was divided into two subgroups which attended workshops featuring Joe Trahan, public relations and communications instructor at LSUS; Master Sergeant Jimmy Miller, military science course director, SAC/NCO Academy, United States Air Force, and Luvonia Casperson, professor of economics at LSUS and executive officer of the LSUS Faculty Council.

The program concluded with a speech by Virginia Shehee, president of Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company and past senator for District 38 of Louisiana.

The conference "was a complete success. I'm really happy with it," Sklar said.

New director

The College of Business Administration at LSUS has added a full-time staff member to assist students in getting on-the-job training as a part of their college education.

Dean Lawson Swearingen has announced the appointment of Susan Wood as director of the internship and cooperative education program for the College of Business.

Ms. Wood, who has taught at LSUS for the past seven years, will be placing students in part-time jobs in their field of study so that they can receive the benefit of on-the-job training prior to graduation.

Wesley group

The Wesley Foundation meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Captain's Room. All interested students are asked to attend.

Paper published

An article by Dr. Kenneth Hinze, associate professor of sociology at LSUS, has been accepted for publication in "TOPIC: A Journal for the Liberal Arts."

The article, "Have the Computer Interview Your Students on Any Topic You Choose," appears in a spring issue devoted to the use of computers in the liberal arts.

The article describes the use and the effects of a "Talking Chancellor" computer program adapted by Hinze.

"Yuletide" slides

The International Studies Program will present a slide show from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the UC Theatre. A covered-dish social meeting for visiting and asking questions will follow from 5 to 7 p.m. Some slides of England and Greece from last summer's trip will be shown, but the presentation will feature a preview of the

program's "Yuletide" trip with slides of England at Christmas and a preview of next summer's study program with slides of Holland, Switzerland, Paris and the Rhine River. All are welcome to attend.

Postal jobs

If you are receiving financial aid and are in need of part-time employment, the U.S. Postal Service has several part-time jobs available. You must be a full-time student, at least 18 years of age and in good academic standing to be considered for this position. If you meet these requirements and are interested in following up on this, you should obtain a "Student Referral and Certification" form from the Financial Aid Office, Room 148, Bronson Hall.

Phi Mu party

The Epsilon XI Chapter of Phi Mu celebrated its first year Monday night. The celebration was a combination Halloween and birthday party. All of the sororities on campus were invited and participated in a costume contest.

'Killer Tomatoes'

"Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" will be the feature film in the UC Theatre today at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Briefs policy

The Almagest welcomes briefs from organizations on campus. To have a brief published, please deliver a hand-written or typed notice to the Almagest office in BH344 by Tuesday at noon.

Outdoor films

"Autumn Journey to Alaska," a color motion picture by Tom Sterling, will be presented by Sterling Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Theatre.

The presentation is the first of four motion picture lectures of Outdoor Film Adventures being sponsored by the Shreveport Society for Nature Study and the LSUS Artists and Lecturers Committee during 1984-85.

All four film-lectures will be narrated in person by distinguished naturalists.

Sterling, who has appeared in Shreveport before, is a resident of Jackson, Mich. He spent much of his boyhood exploring the outdoor world of the Great Lakes region.

Pre-program admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, 75 cents for children and 50 cents for youth groups. Season tickets are available at \$6 for adults, \$12 for families and \$25 for patrons. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance from Mrs. Henry Meyer, 6436 Creswell, Shreveport, La., 71106.

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editorials

Voting: each vote counts the same

Alas, it is time to elect a president.

And along with it, as is the custom with presidential elections, we will be bombarded with statistics about how few Americans vote compared to citizens of other countries.

They will use this to make us feel guilty about not voting. While the *Almagest* will not endorse a candidate, it does endorse the premise that we all should vote. Yet, there is something to be said about those who don't vote.

Many are so satisfied with the status quo that they truly don't feel it will affect their life no matter who is elected. There is something to be said for that. It may not be true for all of us, especially poor people and those in the military on whose lives government policies have more direct bearing.

Many others, sadly, feel powerless, even though they have the privilege to vote. This is incorrect. We have exactly as much power as we exercise. And, in this matter, neither President Reagan nor David Rockefeller nor anyone else has any more power than anyone else.

Still others feel their voting strength is diluted by the electoral college. Don't sell this idea short. It makes each state an important campaign battleground, which means each state learns more about the candidates and their positions, which can only be good.

Additionally, states like Louisiana gain a statistical advantage in voting leverage from it. Arguments about states being decided by one vote are foolish.

So the message is, if you aren't totally satisfied, or if you want to affirm your satisfaction, get out Tuesday and vote. You are not powerless.

Bowl involvement good for LSUS

With a top flight list of possible contestants and involvement from LSUS like never before, this year's Independence Bowl is shaping up as one of the best ever.

Arkansas, 4-2-1, is the apple of the Indy Bowl's eye right now, with Memphis State, Texas Christian, Army and Air Force all under serious consideration, according to Bowl chairman Dr. Cecil Lloyd. Bowl officials saw Arkansas defeat Houston, 17-3, last week and have been in contact with Razorback coach Ken Hatfield several times. Hatfield coached Air Force in last year's Indy Bowl.

Bowl officials also saw TCU's 38-28 win over Rice and got a "warm reception" from Horned Frogs officials.

It is a credit to the bowl and the city that it can hope, realistically, to attract teams of this quality. The favorable date, Dec. 15, which puts athletes and coaches home for the holidays, is a major attraction, Dr. Lloyd said. And the money, he added, "doesn't really make all that much difference, except for the top five bowls. You split all that money with your conference anyway. So, after expenses, there really isn't that much to go around."

It will be vital to the bowl to sell the necessary local tickets to retain its NCAA sanction this year. LSUS can make a real name for itself by being a part of this.



Jack likes pre-registration, opposes early payment of fees

by WELLBORN JACK 3
Opinion Writer

Pre-registration, if you want to call it that, begins Nov. 5 and ends Nov. 16. To count yourself as pre-registered, take a list of the adviser-approved classes you wish to take in the spring to the Office of Admissions to be registered.

In addition to this, you must pay the registrar your fees "in total," about \$390, prior to Dec. 18. And if you're one of the few out-of-state students attending LSUS, get ready to ante up about \$1,005.

Besides the payment of fees prior to registration days for students who do not pre-register, Jan. 8 and 9, I have no qualms with the pre-registration process. Kudos to Big Brother for taking LSUS one step closer to the door of reality.

But let's take a closer look at how pre-payment of your registration fees affects you and the school.

Since when did LSUS adopt a bah-humbag attitude toward Christmas? They must have done it recently, because to become eligible for pre-registration, students must pay their fees "in total" one week prior to Christmas.

I can close my eyes and see the picture now. Grandmothers, aunts and uncles opening Christmas presents from diligent undergrads only to find small notes saying: "Sorry, Big Brother took up residence at LSUS this past fall and instituted the practice of pre-registration. So, I had to pay him my fees before Christmas. In a nutshell, he took all my Christmas money.

Have a merry Christmas."

While deserving undergraduates field questions on Christmas morning from irate relatives, the scrooge of LSUS will kick back in his easychair and count his bank bags overflowing with hard earned student fees.

The policy of mandatory prepayment of tuition fees, "in total," one week prior to Christmas will undoubtedly harm the pre-registration process as a whole. Students will resist participation in pre-registration, opting to wait until actual registration because of the pre-payment of fees clause. This defeats the purpose of pre-registration.

LSUS should hold off on the payment of registration fees until students finish registering for the semester.



Editor's refusal to give proof contrary to journalistic ethics

by BRIAN McNICOLL
Editor

The one thing every student newspaper, or every newspaper for that matter, really likes to do is to make news.

Not every day. Not even every week. But, once in a while, you like to write something that other newspapers or media outlets consider important enough to report on. Most editors like to get at least one story of this type, and, unfortunately, some even make the story when it is not there.

From what I can tell — and I have read considerably into the affair — that is what has happened at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Their school paper, *The Bray*, came out with a fiery attack on the football coaches and the team doctor in its Oct. 5 issue.

It accused the coaching staff of promoting and encouraging the use of amphetamines and anabolic steroids by players and of racial discrimination. It accused the team doctor, who is from Shreveport, of discrimination in his treatment and of ordering operations that were not necessary.

It also stated that the team's sideline drink was laced with alcohol in a recent game and that

players were complaining that scholarships were not being administered fairly.

The school immediately convened a committee to investigate the charges. All but two or three players on the team were interviewed confidentially by the committee, and none reported the widespread availability of drugs suggested by the *Bray* article.

The charges about steroids and amphetamines stemmed from a package of pills found on the table where a player had just finished eating last summer. The pills were determined by the committee to probably be vitamin supplements. Some were called *Stero-Glan*, which probably added to the suspicion. The *Bray* claims to have lab reports that pinpoint the content of the pills, but the editor has refused to come forward with his proof.

The story also charged that DMSO, a deadening agent not legal for humans in this country, was being used by players. None has been produced.

The paper made its case against the doctor by sending a reporter to see him, posing as a patient. The reporter, whose byline appears on the story, feigned

a knee injury and described pain from an old high school knee injury. The doctor ordered exploratory surgery, but not before another office checkup. This apparently meant the doctor was fast and loose with his arthroscopic drill.

All three players — two of whom are out of the program now — to whom quotes were attributed, signed affidavits denying the quotes.

The doctor, who has volunteered his services to SAU for the past seven years, is a well-respected orthopaedic surgeon who not only provides his own transportation to every Mulerider game, but also drives to Magnolia every Thursday to examine just about anyone who needs it, free of charge.

His policy had always been to send players to their family doctors, whenever possible, if he thought surgery was needed. This gave the players both a second opinion and a doctor they were familiar with. Also, none of the players substantiated the claim that he was racist or in any way unfair in his treatment.

letters

Student feels she is an inconvenience to staff

The Almagest was sent a copy of this letter to Dr. A. J. Howell, head of LSUS' Business Office.

Dear Dr. Howell,

At noon yesterday (Oct. 22), I went through the hot lunch line. There was no broccoli left, but some was coming out (according to the counter help). I waited and then decided I would go pay for my lunch and come back for the broccoli. I waited behind a man who was attempting to pay for a salad plate with a \$5 bill ... it took over a minute for his change to be returned to him. During this time the broccoli came out. I waited until the totally inept cashier (oops, manager-trainee) plodded through a simple transaction and then went to get the broccoli ... however, I was acting without much forethought because I had to wait in line again because the physical set-up is such that you can't get out of the cafeteria line unless the last thing you do is go through the cashier line. All together it took me 25 minutes to get a hot lunch from a line designed to eliminate the waiting involved in special ordering a meal.

The new student handbooks I

received last week for two campus organizations stated that the cafeteria would be open until 7:30 p.m. when evening classes are in session. Now, I know that's not the case, so I never count on being able to get anything that isn't dispensed by a machine. Yesterday was just added fuel to my fire about the way night students are treated. When the cafeteria line closed and the gates were drawn, two other students and myself were studying at a table in the middle of the area where there are tables — the place you would eat if that were your intent. Lo and behold, all the lights were turned off. Fat chance I have of studying in the dark. OK, I can move to some other place. Picking up massive amounts of computer print-outs, class notes and textbooks and moving to somewhere else, however, is not conducive to maintaining a train of thought.

At 6 p.m., I took one of my mid-terms. When that was finished, I went to the lounge in Bronson Hall but the lights there were off. Fortunately for me, I can operate a coke machine in the dark — just another inconvenience. At 7:30, I

began another mid-term, this one particularly grueling. When I turned in my paper, the teacher and four students were still in the room (4th floor Bronson), I walked into the corridor to face total darkness, which is how I walked to the elevator. The elevator lights were on, but when I got to the lobby, it too was in total darkness. It takes a while to find a light switch you've never used before.

Dr. Howell, I have been a full-time student at LSUS since 1981. This is the first semester I have had night classes scheduled, and I feel like my presence on campus at night is a real inconvenience to the University as a whole. The remainder of my degree plan demands that I take classes at night. I am not real keen on spending a year of my life inconveniencing people who are hired as University support staffs. I can find better ways to use my energy — learning is one I especially favor. If the atmosphere is such that I FEEL unsafe leaving a class room and that I FEEL that my studying in University buildings is an inconvenience to a food service and

custodial staff and that I FEEL like a second class citizen for taking night classes, maintaining a mental attitude directed toward academic achievement is more than a little difficult. One of the stated purposes of the University — to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning — is also being destroyed. We have all

worked too hard to achieve the standards and reputation we have to lose sight of the purpose now.

Consequently, I am asking you to look into these areas.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Harris

Library noise protested

Dear Mr. Editor:

This has to be a Ripley's "Believe It or Not" story for the simple fact I and 20 other students couldn't believe what they were seeing or hearing.

It all happened on what seemed to be a normal Wednesday night. At 8 p.m. on Oct. 10, in our own library, on our own quiet commuter-college campus, a thunderous roar broke the silence on the second floor.

It was "HOOVER."

Ya' see, "HOOVER" is wired to a wall socket. "HOOVER" is a vacuum cleaner. Now it isn't "HOOVER" that I dislike, but the inconsiderate person who

authorized "HOOVER" to start work.

We will find you!

I realize janitorial services must be performed, but couldn't they be done after study hours at the library? The library is supposed to be a quiet place to study. The noise made by "HOOVER" was very annoying, to be polite.

Certainly the janitorial staff can start cleaning when the students go home at night. This courtesy and respect for students who are studying would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Keith Waddell

Student finds 'Women' a disappointment

Dear Editor,

"Women on Campus" should have been an exceptionally good review for last week's Almagest. But, as usual, this one-sided journalistic rag makes a mockery of what should be a significant "student" newspaper.

When I first heard of this special feature, "Women on Campus," I was excited. All right, I thought, they're really going to report on an "on campus" situation. Since the average student at LSUS is a female over the age of 21, and since the student population consists of so many women, I thought I'd be able to get a good insight into who makes up the student body and what are the wants and needs of these students. What I found in the pages of this tabloid reaffirms my conviction that this paper is like LSUS in general. I believe this campus and the Almagest support faculty and staff above the student!

Let me use your last issue as an example. Only five women were featured (I find this to be a very small number when acknowledging the fact that women on campus number in the thousands) and out of the five, only one is a student. Out of five features, the least amount of print is given to

the student story.

Since I could go on and on about this and numerous other examples of how the student at LSUS is not properly recognized (I mean, after all, if it wasn't for us where would this college be?), I will confine my opinion to only one issue. If you are a "student" newspaper, restrict your news and comments to the students. If you want to impress faculty and staff, find some other means. I want to read about students (my friends, my colleagues, my peers). I suggest you re-evaluate who your audience is. If you feel the faculty and staff is your au-

dience, then write for their publication, The Sextant. If you truly consider the Almagest a student publication, then be responsible and act as a true representative of the entire campus body.

"Women on Campus" could and should have been a great issue. As it was, it was just another attempt by your staff to please a minority of people. Let's see some responsible journalism with the students in mind. I rest assured I am not alone in this opinion.

Mike Teece

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features

Religious groups play an important role on campus

BSU has a little something for everyone

by BILL COOKSEY
Editorial Assistant

Activities for every day of the week and helping anyone who needs assistance are a few of the many qualities possessed by the LSUS Baptist Student Union.

Started in 1967, BSU is the oldest religious organization on campus. The LSUS chapter is part of a national cooperative program supported by funds from various state and national Baptist churches participating in the program, according to Tim Robinson, president of LSUS BSU and state vice president for the organization.

The group meets daily so there will be "something going on every day of the week," Robinson said. The meetings are open to all students and faculty who are interested. "We have a lot of people that don't go to church, but come on Wednesday," he said.

On Monday, the group has a Bible study from noon to 1 p.m. at BSU.

"Noonspiration" is the theme for Tuesdays when the group has an informal meeting with a "real relaxed atmosphere" to discuss problems or events in members' lives. The meeting begins about 12:30, Robinson said.

Every Wednesday at noon the

group has a "lunchcounter" with lunches from the Women's Missionary Union served for a dollar. The dollar donation is used for supporting trips for learning and aiding others. In addition to the meal the group may sing a few songs and have a pastor present. The "lunchcounter" is the best day to attend, Robinson said, and added, "It's a good place to get a good meal for a great price."

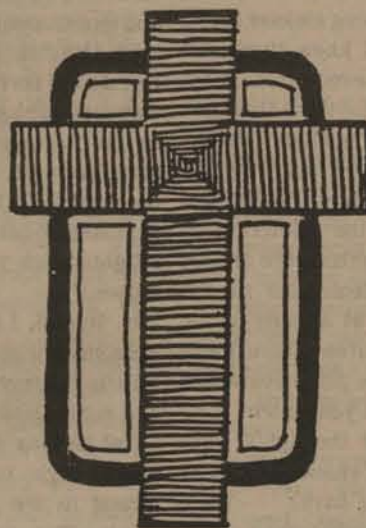
On Thursdays the group has two Bible studies, one from 11 a.m. until noon and another from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Each Friday, the group usually meets and does whatever the individuals choose, sometimes the group goes out for lunch or watches a movie, Robinson said.

The next major event the group has planned is the annual Faculty Day scheduled for Nov. 14. The meeting is usually attended by about 100 people and is one of the biggest meetings each year.

Current membership in the group ranges at around 15-20, but on Wednesdays as many as 40 to 50 attend the "lunchcounter."

The main goal of the group, Robinson said, is to "reach not only the campus, but the community as well," and to "reach out and help others."



Wesleyans new at school

by BILL COOKSEY
Editorial Assistant

There's a new kid at school and his name is the Wesley Foundation, a Methodist oriented group open to all LSUS students and faculty.

The Wesley Foundation has been meeting for about a month at LSUS after it was started by Benny Vaughn, Broadmoor Methodist Church youth director. The group now has about 20 active faculty and students who attend the weekly meeting, according to Gray Young, president.

The group meets every Tuesday at 12:30 in the UC. The meeting is usually a lunch followed by a speaker, most recently Syd Nelson, or a movie for entertainment. The meetings are open to all students and faculty who are interested, Young said.

Faculty advisers for the group are Dr. Nancy Hudson and Dr. Paul Merkle. The faculty are "very, very cooperative" and "the faculty that show up never miss a meeting," Young said.

Plans for the group include working on the construction of a house for the critically ill, a Christmas get together and participation in the intramurals program, Young said. The main goal of the group on campus, however, is to "increase membership in the organization and make it better," he said.

The new kid on the school grounds has definitely established himself and is now quite comfortable. He has shown that he is quite needed as a religious organization on campus.

Ethics (cont.)

As far as the alcohol in the sideline drink goes, it is ridiculous to think that any coach would do this. Again, the Bray claims to have laboratory proof that an untarnished sample of the sideline drink was 4.8 percent alcohol by volume. Again, the Bray refuses to come forth with this.

Being the editor of a student newspaper at a state university is a unique experience, involving a unique freedom. Columnist James Kilpatrick has called this group "the untouchable editors."

That's because the school can legally disclaim any responsibility for what appears in the paper. Contrary to popular belief, a school like LSUS eagerly gives up control over content in the paper because, when it does, it disqualifies itself as the publisher and cannot be sued.

With this unique freedom, though, goes a responsibility to ethics. As editor, you can train your journalistic howitzers on anything or anyone you can reach. You need not tell the truth. You need not even care if what you write is the truth. If you do, it is because you respect what you're doing.

You can believe one thing. If I had this story in my paper, I would be jumping up and down showing my proof to everyone who would listen, not running from them as the Bray has done. Unless I didn't have the proof.

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Ambassadors for Christ very active

A religious organization "open to all denominations tending to the holy spirit" is a basis for the Ambassadors for Christ, according to member, Gary Faircloth.

The Ambassadors for Christ meet every Friday from 8 until 9 a.m. in the UC Captains' Room. The meeting usually consists of a breakfast, and prayer meeting. "It's just a little prayer group," Faircloth said. We are "there to help each other out with studies and encourage each other through college," he said.

The group, advised by Dr. Carlos Spaht, has had five meetings so far this semester, but attendance has been extremely low. One of our current goals of the group is to make it larger, Faircloth said.

Although attendance is low, Faircloth said he hopes that it will get better and eventually have the group involved with activities such as Spring Fling and possibly intramural sports.

Future plans for the organization are to get several speakers for their meetings and to try to get Christian rock bands such as Philadelphia, a Christian heavy metal band, and Randy Cultip, former keyboard player for the Three Dog Night, he said.

Faircloth said he encourages all students who are interested in Ambassadors for Christ to come and enjoy their meetings.

Ackee Restaurant is casual and relaxed

by TAMMY WEAVER
Reporter

If you're in the mood for a little island atmosphere and a whole lot of Jamaican cuisine, you should try the Ackee Restaurant.

The atmosphere is casual and relaxed with hints here and there of the Caribbean. Shells, netting and posters adorning the walls make you long to walk the white sandy beaches of Jamaica.

The staff is friendly and courteous. Don't be surprised to find Chef Warrington making his way around the room to chat. If you're afraid you'll lose your appetite before the food arrives, don't worry. Service is prompt.

A few of the house specialties are: Caribbean Kabob, \$8.95; Lobster Marco Polo, \$11.95; and Trout Montego, \$9.95. Of course, if you're with that special

someone there's Make it Jamaica Again, dinner for two including beef, shrimp, chicken, fried rice and dessert, \$25.00.

Friday and Saturday nights there's a Jamaican buffet, all you can eat \$10.95. The buffet includes marinated squid, boiled shrimp, curried goat and red snapper to name a few.

The food is authentic, prepared by owner Chef Bernard Warrington, formerly of Jamaica. Prior to opening the Ackee, Chef Warrington practiced his culinary skills at Le'Bossier and Louisiana Downs.

The Ackee, located at 1420 Airline Drive in Bossier City, is a nice change of pace. So if you're hungry for something a little out of the ordinary, try it. Hours are: Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

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La. state fair is a disappointment

by SUSAN KEENER
Assistant Features Editor

As a junior in college I should know better than to get all excited about the state fair. Every year it's the same thing. I go, I spend more money than I mean to, and I discover, once again, how many jerks there are in the local populace.

Of course, it's not that Shreveport has any greater percentage of jerks than most towns. I'd venture to say that it is about average. It's just that ALL the jerks in Shreveport inevitably decide to visit the fair the same night that I do.

This year the fair was especially pleasant during its first week open, for reasons that I'm sure everyone was aware of—the rain.

My friends and I were going to be good sports about the weather, though. We decided that if we approached the rain with the right attitude everything would turn out fine, but even the power of positive thinking could not save the fair.

Once we paddled our way through the flooded streets of the lower part of town and arrived at the fairgrounds, things looked promising. Because of the dwindled attendance, we got a great parking place, within a quarter mile of the midway.

When the rain got heavier and we ran into one of the exhibition halls, we discovered that we had not been the only ones to have that bright idea. Any hope we could have had about actually seeing the exhibits or talking to

some of the representatives was lost at the first sight of that churning crowd. After forging our way through this mess for about 20 minutes we voted unanimously to brave the rains.

We decided this would be the opportune time to catch "Dr. Blood." This was also the clever idea of about 60 other people, but considering the attraction this was not a bad wait—at least it didn't appear to be at first.

My friends and I were fortunate enough to share the pseudo-shelter of "Dr. Blood's" funeral canape with a crazy middle-aged couple that kept their umbrella up and tilted just right, even under the canvas, so that it dripped on my head. Also under the perforated tarp with us were about 30 students from Louisiana Tech.

Now I don't have anything against college students—I'm one myself—but 30 of them on a Saturday night can give a headache to even the most social-minded creature.

The real clincher of the evening was the "Dr. Blood" show itself. Not only were the people running us through a bunch of belligerent, self-important cruds, but the show was even less exciting, and certainly not scary, than it was last year.

I hope that one of my friends has the sense to clip this column out and show it to me next year when I begin to get excited about going to the state fair. Maybe then I will save the time, money and energy that I usually waste at the fair.



'Big Bam Boom' is a success

by VINCE RINAUDO
Contributor

Hall and Oates continue with their mixture of rock and soul on their new album, "Big Bam Boom." While keeping the same musical formula that has been so successful for them, Hall and Oates manage to cover new ground on this project.

"Big Bam Boom" has freshness and diversity while hanging on to the blue-eyed soul Hall and Oates are famous for. The first single, "Out of Touch," exhibits Daryl Hall's excellent range and quality of smoothness in his voice. In speaking of sound, the sound production is excellent, with the added assistance of Bob Clearmountain in the studio.

The band members are the same personnel that were included on Hall and Oates' first big selling album, "Voices." Ace axe man G.E. Smith adds all the hot guitar licks that propel this album from cut to cut.

Two songs that exemplify new ground are, "Method of Modern Love," and "All American Girl." Both of these songs add unique beats and driving percussion. As usual most of the lyrics deal with love, relationships and heart-breaks, but the essence of the music seems to overshadow this mediocrity.

Many groups seem to go stale using the same format in producing albums. Hall and Oates seem to know the magic touch for keeping their audience happy without letting their music get monotonous. "Big Bam Boom," has the potential for a long life on the charts and more importantly opening new ground for Hall and Oates.

Exercise is the fashion

by RHONDA COPPLE
Contributor

Weights clash, perspiration drips and people moan as the instructor yells, "Jog up—1...2...3...4... and back 2...3...4..." This is a common scene from the health spas of today. Health is a profitable business of the 1980s. People become members of a spa with hopes of walking out with a beautiful body.

Physical fitness is definitely the "in-thing" today. Julie Potter, a LSUS communications major who teaches aerobics at the Fountain of Youth Health Spa, said, "People want to look and feel good. They start an exercise program, start feeling better and then want to share their discovery with friends."

With the fashion of today demanding everyone to be slim and trim, people everywhere are dieting and exercising. High-intensity exercises are the bloodline for the health spas. These type of exercises are dancing and aerobics, calisthenic programs and weightlifting; for enjoyment raquetball courts are provided.

An aerobic class can burn up to 795 calories, calisthenics 765, and raquetball 945 in a 30-minute period. The aerobics and raquetball are used mainly by members to burn off fat and help them lose weight; calisthenics help shed inches; and the weights are used to resculpture a body by toning and building muscle.

You may wonder if physical fitness is just a fad or trend; but, many people feel fitness awareness is here to stay.

Another instructor at the Fountain of Youth, Jamie Douglas, says, "The fitness trend will last because people realize how much better they feel when they are in shape."

Randy Jamar, a manager at Fountain of Youth, says, "The fitness trend is going to last as long as people are aware of the new fashions and how they look in the clothes."

When you want to get in shape and become a member of a spa, what kind of exercise program can you expect? "An exercise program that will get a person in the best shape the fastest is a consistent one. That is the main part of a good program. Any program can be only as good as the time put into it," Jamar said.

When a new member first begins his exercise program, he should work out at least three times a week to see results. Once a week will cause only soreness and pain. A member then gradually works up to more intense workouts 5 or 6 times a week.

When instructors work out with such heavy exercise programs, how do they keep from getting burned out? Julie, Randy, and Jamie all agree, "rest and long relaxing stretches between workouts" keep them up for the different exercise programs.

The rewards of the perspiration dripping, weights clashing and moaning are all in the challenge of sculpting a beautiful new body. Rock 'n' Roll seemed to be just a fad; yet, years later it is here to stay. Is physical fitness in your future?

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Grid champs: Indy Won, who else?

As expected the campus flag football season closed and Independent Won was on top—again.

To secure the top position Independent Won took on next-best Stepchildren in what started to be a fairly evenly matched ballgame but ended in a rather one-sided 31-6 victory for the Independents.

Both teams coming out of Monday's Independent league have strong players and some well thought-out game plans. Independent Won, as the score reflects, had a superior defense that often made Stepchildren's better-than-average offense look like child's

play.

The game got off to a slow start but picked up fast with a field long zig-zag run by Jim "Jimbo" Carinio who made a tricky pass to Greg Link for the day's first score.

Late in the second quarter Carinio pulled out another TD to bring the score with the extra point to 13-0.

The second half brought some more outstanding passing by Independent's quarterback Stan Powell and by Greg Link. Stepchildren can be proud of some fine catching by George Plenatz. The second half also brought the day's longest single-man run for

a TD by — once again — Jim Carinio. Scott Guthrie quickly followed to bring the score to 25-0.

Finally in fourth quarter play the Stepchildren got their chance to score. In what appeared to be a new offensive strategy, Jeff Loper put the Children on the board. The Independents couldn't let the Children have the last score of the day so as the clock ran down the Independents

quickly built the final score to an impressive 31-6.

Independent Won, with a perfect 7-0 season record, will now face the medical school's top intramural football team. The winner of this game will progress to the state championships. My money is with Independent Won all the way.

In the flag football semi-finals held last Thursday Independent

Won defeated Kappa Sigma 42-7 and Surf City fell to the Stepchildren in a close 7-6 game.

In an effort to claim third place in the football program Kappa Sigma and Surf City met in a consolation game played opposite the championship. Surf City with only seven players defeated the Sigs 14-6. City's Doug Miller and Sig Bob Brown proved to be the day's top players.

Carinio named MVP

While its true each member of Independent Won's championship team appears to be a skilled athlete, there are a few that really stand out. They are Greg Link, Stan Powell and Jim Carinio. Though it was tough decision, Jim Carinio receives the Almagest's Most Valuable Player Award for Monday's championship game.

Carinio, called "Jimbo" by teammates, is a senior criminal justice major that has been active in campus intramurals throughout his college years. This is his fifth season with Independ-

ent Won and in addition to football he excels in intramural softball and basketball. Off campus he is active in local martial arts competition.

Carinio scored two TDs and made extraordinary contributions in most plays during Monday's game. He attributes his team's continued success not to their obvious skill of the game, but to togetherness. "We don't have to be a fraternity to have brotherhood...after all we've played together for a long time," Carinio said.



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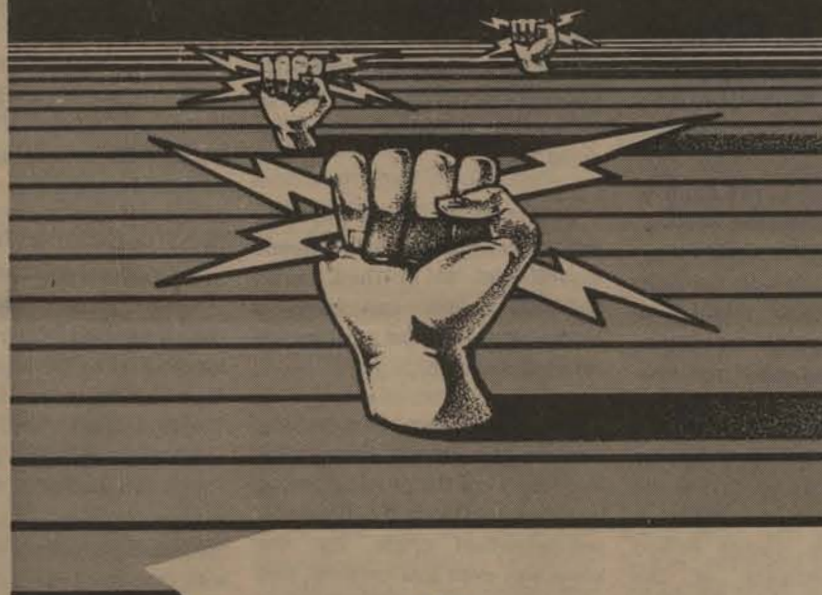
Kappa Alpha has regained its number one spot in intramural bowling but this time they are sharing it with two other teams. A three way tie exists for first place with KA, Who Cares and ROTC #1 even with 40-16 records. KA does however have the highest number of pins at 15,898.

Delta Sigma Phi's Neil

Pinkston leads the men's individual game with a 228 average. He is closely followed by Mike Jinx at 213 and Greg Her-ring at 214. KA #2 Becky Ford is leading the women bowlers with an impressive 201 average. Sarah Laurensen is second with 200 and Sandi Jacobson has moved into third place with a 190 average.

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